



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS  
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012  
<http://board.co.la.ca.us/blc>**

**Wednesday, May 9, 2012**

**9:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-2167)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

Present: President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary Vasquez  
and Commissioner Barger

Excused: Commissioner Lee

Call to Order. (12-2009)

**The meeting was called to order by President Afriat at 9:02 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Afriat.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of April 11, 2012. (12-2005)

**On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by President Afriat, this item was approved.**

**Ayes:** 2 - President Afriat and Commissioner Barger

**Abstentions:** 1 - Secretary Vasquez

**Absent:** 1 - Vice President Campbell

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Lee

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

**Vice President Campbell arrived at 9:10 a.m.**

**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

2. Hearing on application for Bookstore-General Business License ID# 138766, to issue a new license to Family Christian Stores, Inc., owner of Family Christian Stores located at 25860 The Old Road, Valencia, CA 91381 in the Fifth District. (12-2014)

**Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC) reported that the application is being handled by the Sheriff's Department and the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; TTC has no objections to the issuance of the license.**

**Susan Mailander, Manager of the Valencia location was present to speak on behalf of Family Christian Stores, Inc. and informed the Commission that Christian related items and church supplies are sold at the store. She explained in addition to corporate headquarters, the organization has a District and Regional Manager.**

**On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez, the Commission approved the aforementioned license with the condition that a letter signed by an officer of Family Christian Stores, Inc., authorizing Ms. Mailander to represent the organization at the hearing is sent to the Commission within 30 days.**

**Ayes:** 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell,  
Secretary Vasquez and Commissioner Barger

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Lee

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3. Hearing on application for Taxicab Operator and 38 Taxicab Vehicles, Business License ID#138309, to issue a new business license to Victor H. Caballero, Express Transportation Services, for Midvalley Yellow Cab East L.A., at 1137 S. Eastern Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90022 in the First District (Continued from meeting of 4-11-12). (12-1530)

**Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC) provided a brief history and explained that as a result of a routine record inquiry it was discovered that Mr. Caballero had been operating under the previous owner's business license. He was then advised that he was required to apply for a new license as the new owner of Express Transportation Services (ETS), for Midvalley Yellow Cab East L.A. Mr. Caballero during the application process indicated that Worker's Compensation is provided for office staff and does not include the drivers.**

The Commission questioned whether the taxicab operators in the areas in which Mr. Caballero plans to operate had been notified of the hearing. Ms. Hernandez confirmed that the proper operators had been notified.

Mr. Caballero stated that he plans to only operate in areas 1, 2, 15, and 18 of Los Angeles County and agreed to have his license limited to these areas.

President Afriat stated that it is the Commission's policy that all employees must be covered with workers compensation and expressed concern over the relationship between taxicab companies and independent contractors within the industry.

Mr. Caballero stated that the current policy covers employees only and that independent contractors are not required to carry their own workers' compensation policy.

Ms. Hernandez informed the Commission of a sting operation conducted by the Sheriff Department and TTC that resulted in the arrest of two former drivers of Midvalley Yellow Cab East L.A. for driving without a driver's license. Ms. Hernandez expressed concern that these drivers were illegally operating their vehicles with the Midvalley Yellow Cab logo and that they were not licensed while contracted with Mr. Caballero's company.

Mr. Caballero stated that he is aware that this is a problem and has since included in the company lease agreement that all items belonging to the company must be returned at the time of termination including the removal of company logos.

The following individuals addressed the Commission in opposition of the license being granted:

Abel Martinez  
German Amador  
Diego Ruiz  
Francisco Arizpe  
Marco Soto, Administrative Services  
Mario Camacho  
Rafael Crespo  
Ana Murillo  
Eduardo Perez  
Antonio Arizpe  
Martin Shatakhyan, San Gabriel Transit Inc. dba City Cab

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**The following individuals addressed the Commission in support of the license being granted:**

**Claudia Hernandez**

**Eddie Torres, East Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce**

**Efren Martinez, Florence-Firestone/Walnut Park Chamber of Commerce**

**Mr. Caballero responded to the comments provided by the public. He stated that broken meters are fixed or replaced within hours, and that cars are not operational during this time.**

**President Afriat commented that this is the first time while serving on the Commission that he has witnessed such allegations and opposition from former employees. He further added that he is satisfied with the applicant's need and necessity provided.**

**Ms. Hernandez stated that the sale was never reported to TTC.**

**Vice President Campbell agreed with President Afriat's comments and stated that it is the buyer's responsibility to ensure that the purchase of the business is done according to the County's requirements.**

**The Commission recessed at 11:01 a.m. The Commission resumed at 11:06 a.m.**

**On motion of Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Barger, the Commission approved the aforementioned license with the following conditions:**

- 1. Made a finding of the applicants' demonstrated need and necessity.**
- 2. Approved the aforementioned license to operate in Zones 1, 2, 15, and 18 with the following conditions:**
  - The company must not engage with anyone who is not covered by workers compensation insurance. Independently contracted drivers must either carry their own workers compensation insurance policy or be provided a workers compensation policy by the company.**
  - Taxicab vehicles must operate with a working meter.**
  - Employees must be provided lease agreements in Spanish and English that clearly explains the terms of the lease and any costs associated with early termination of the lease or improper notice of termination. The contract must include a disclaimer advising the lessee to seek the advice of an attorney before signing the lease.**

- **Taxicab Drivers must have a valid driver's license.**

**Ayes:** 2 - Secretary Vasquez and Commissioner Barger

**Noes:** 1 - President Afriat

**Abstentions:** 1 - Vice President Campbell

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Lee

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## **II. DISCUSSIONS**

4. Discussion and possible clarification on issuance of new Information Card and Notice of Intention to Solicit to Patti Palmer, Cars 4 Causes, located at 4864 Market Street, Suite D, Ventura, CA 93003. (12-1528)

**President Afriat informed the Commission of a letter received from the applicant contesting the Commission's conditional approval of the information card that was agreed upon at the meeting of April 11, 2012. The letter stated that the organization is withdrawing their agreement of the condition that advertisements to potential donors include language with regard to tax-deductibility.**

**Patti Palmer, President of Cars 4 Causes stated that vehicle donations are tax deductible according to the Internal Revenue Service and does not agree with changing the organization's advertising verbiage to imply that the donation may be tax-deductible.**

**Patti Palmer agreed to have language with regard to tax deductibility for potential donors on the information card.**

**On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Barger, the Commission modified the previous condition that the organization adds specific verbiage to their advertisements and modified the Information Card to include the following:**

**"You are advised to check with a tax advisor in contemplation of making a donation to this charity".**

**Ayes:** 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary Vasquez and Commissioner Barger

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Lee

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#### **IV. REPORTS**

5. Commissioners' Comments. (12-2008)

**The Commission reviewed the calendar for May and agreed to cancel the regular meetings scheduled for May 16, 23, and 30, 2012.**

#### **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **Public Comment**

6. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Committee. (12-1545)

**No members of the public addressed the Commission.**

##### **Adjournment**

7. Adjournment for the meeting of May 9, 2012. (12-2004)

**The Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.**